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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, kindly preliminarily amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Claim 28, line 2, replace "any of claims 1 to 27" with --claim 1--.

Claim 30, line 5, replace "any of claims 1 to 27" with --claim 1--.